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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Education Reform

Thursday, October 12, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of October 5, 2017 as printed.

Representative Noble moved to adopt the minutes of October 5, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Joint Resolution M.

HJR M (Kelly)

Constitutional amendments; state; state board of education, superintendent of public instruction, and state board for public community and junior colleges; eliminate, and provide for a governor-appointed department director.

The Chair, the joint resolution sponsor, explained the resolution, and introduced Thomas J. Haas, President of Grand Valley State University and Chair of the 21st Century Education Commission, and Philip Power, Chairman of the Center for Michigan, who testified in support of the joint resolution, to the committee members. Questions followed.

Russ Bellant, a concern Detroit City resident, testified in opposition of the joint resolution. Questions followed.

Dr. Jerome L. Reide, Regional Field Director of the NAACP, testified in opposition to the joint resolution. Questions followed. A copy of his handout is attached.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in opposition to the joint resolution, but did not wish to speak:

Annalisa Grunwald, Director of Government Affairs for the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators;

Jennifer Smith, Director of Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards;

Kathleen Merry, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs for Wayne RESA;

Julie Rowe, Legislative Mobilization Coordinator for the American Federation of Teachers; and

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Beth DeShone, Advocacy Director for the Great Lakes Education Project, submitted a testimony card in support of the joint resolution, but did not wish to speak.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Noble moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:12 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Tim Kelly, Chair
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee